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The gift of giving. Hundreds of children will now have a magical holiday thanks to Metro readers who donated boxes upon boxes of toys to Tony's Metro Magic. **Smiles.** The joy expressed by kids served by The Partnership for the Homeless is proof that your generosity makes a difference. PAGE 06

Lunden Holmes, 4, clutches some of the toys that she received from Tony's Metro Magic at The Partnership for the Homeless' offices. / MILES DIXON, METRO

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Mayor-Elect Bill de Blasio, when asked if he would consider appointing Republicans to his administration

To our readers

As 2013 winds down, we would like to thank you, our faithful Metro readers and advertisers, for another successful year. Your support and feedback are what continues to make Metro the most-read daily newspaper in New York City. Today Metro begins an abbreviated publishing schedule over the holidays, with just one more edition this week on Friday. Be sure to pick it up to discover the "Best of 2013" in local, national and international news, music, TV, movies, gossip and sports. Metro will return to the newsstands on Jan. 2, when we will resume our regular daily publishing schedule. Until then, we wish you all a happy and safe holiday season.

Vehicular deaths

Four pedestrians die in crashes this weekend

Four pedestrians died in incidents this weekend, police said.

A boy, 8, was fatally struck by a tractor trailer Friday. Later, a 76-year-old man was hit by two vehicles.

A man and a woman, 40 and 78, died after being struck in separate incidents Saturday.

A 51-year-old man was killed in a hit-and-run later that night. **EMILY JOHNSON**

Man, child fall to deaths on the UWS

Emerging details.

Police are still investigating whether the incident was an accident.

A 35-year-old man and a young boy, believed to be his son, died after plummeting from an Upper West Side building Sunday

Gristly scene

The man was killed upon impact.

- The boy was rushed

to St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital where he was pronounced dead shortly afterward.

day afternoon, police said.

The man, holding the boy, dropped from an unknown floor of 124 W. 60th St. shortly after 12:30 p.m. and hit the landing of an adjacent

building.

Police said the man was pronounced dead at the scene at 12:43 p.m.

Emergency responders rushed the boy, believed to be 3 or 4 years old, to St.

Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital, but he was pronounced dead at 12:45 p.m.

The relationship between the man and the child is under investigation, police said.

Officials said it's still unclear whether the man jumped or fell from the building, which has 52 floors.

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Gingerbread village paradise in NYC

Earlier this month, Bronx resident Chef Jon Lovitch broke the Guinness World Records by making the world's largest gingerbread village. The village is now open to the public at the New York Hall of Science through Jan. 12. Lovitch spent 1,500 hours baking the 300-square-foot gingerbread village consisting of 152 gingerbread houses, 65 trees, four gingerbread cable cars, five gingerbread train cars, an underground lollipop subway station, lollipop trees and signs made from sugar. / GETTY IMAGES

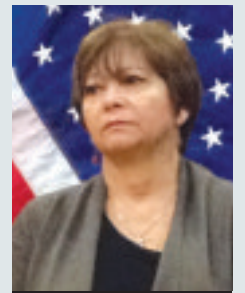
Transition

De Blasio taps Cuomo official to lead ACS

An official under Gov. Andrew Cuomo will head the city's Administration for Children's Services, Mayor-Elect Bill de Blasio announced Sunday.

Gladys Carrion, a Bronx native who served seven years as the state's Office of Children and Family Services commissioner, is charged with prioritizing preventive measures to help vulnerable children as ACS commissioner.

The mayor-elect said making the appointment was "very personal." As a councilman, de Blasio chaired the



Gladys Carrion / ANNA SANDERS

General Welfare Committee, which provided ACS oversight.

Carrion said she and de Blasio share values.

"We need to focus on tightening the system so that no child falls through the cracks," she said. "It's something New York City can't afford to get wrong." **ANNA SANDERS**

Hot in here

City sees record temps in winter heat wave

New York City saw record-high temperatures

during the first official weekend of winter.

The mercury climbed to 71 in Central Park Sunday, shattering the 1998 record of 63 degrees, the National

Weather Service said.

The temperature was also the highest seen between Dec. 8 to 31 since 1871, inching out the previous record of 70 degrees, observed in

1946 and 1984.

Temperatures in the park reached 62 degrees Saturday, tying the 1923 and 2011 record.

A high of 56 degrees and rain are expected

Monday. Tuesday sees a chance of rain, snow and a high of 39 degrees.

Christmas is expected to be sunny with a high of 30 degrees.

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Giving

Cuomo helps deliver toys, coats across the city

Gov. Andrew Cuomo helped distribute toys, coats and school supplies to New Yorkers in need across the five boroughs Sunday.

"In this season of giving, it is important



Gov. Cuomo
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

to remember those that are less fortunate," Cuomo said in a statement. "New Yorkers have always been the first to come to the aid of their neighbors, and my administration is pleased to do our part with this holiday giving drive."

The governor visited sites in the Bronx, Harlem and Brooklyn with

volunteers and members of the National Guard.

In total, 270 toys, 650 coats and 700 books were delivered to three sites in the boroughs.

The items were donated by private organizations and New Yorkers.

The giveaway was part of a statewide drive Cuomo launched this month. **ANNA SANDERS**

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Mayor Bloomberg gets a look at the new 7 train stop.

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Bloomberg rides the new 7 train extension

West Side line.

The extension is expected to open in 2014.

years old."

Bloomberg touted this project as evidence of his administration's devotion to large-scale infrastructure projects.

Such projects have been credited with keeping the city's economy strong through two recessions, and boosting tourism to unprecedented levels despite the challenge posed by fear of terrorism post-9/11.

"Historically, our city's development has followed the trail blazed by the iron horse, our city's subway system," the mayor said, noting his administration has made infrastructure one of its "bedrock principles."



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As part of his farewell tour through the five boroughs, Mayor Michael Bloomberg hopped on the 7 train Friday and rode it to depths no one has ventured before: the new extension that terminates at 34th Street and 11th Avenue.

The \$2.4 billion extension to the far west side of Manhattan is a city-funded project linked to the 45-block Hudson Yards development. It is the first extension of the subway system that the city has funded since 1950 — "when, for the record," Bloomberg said, "I was 8

Needed connection

The 7 train extension will cost more than \$2 billion when it is completed.

- Mayor Michael Bloomberg was a major political force that drove the project to fruition.

- When it is finished, the connection will extend the 7 line from Times Square to 34th Street and 11th Avenue.

- The new line will open next summer.

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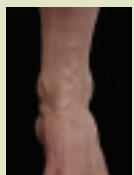
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Tony's Metro Magic brings holiday cheer

Thank you. Metro's annual toy drive scored big this year.

Metro, The Partnership for the Homeless and Toys for Tots were able to spread holiday smiles this season to some of the 22,000 kids who live in the city's shelter system through Tony's Metro Magic toy drive.

All throughout November and December, Metro invited readers to donate toys that would then be distributed to needy children throughout New York City, ensuring that they had something special waiting on Christmas morning. Hundreds of toy donations poured into the Metro offices, including, Elmo dolls, bicycles and handheld video games.

"Thanks for making it easy to give to some of the hardest hit kids this Christmas season," one reader wrote.

Metro's annual toy drive was especially meaningful to us this year. The annual Metro Magic event was renamed in honor of Tony Metcalf, our beloved editor in chief, who passed away from colon cancer over the summer. Metro Magic was something that he held dear to his heart.

The Partnership for the Homeless and Toys for Tots came and picked up the toys last week to distribute over the holidays to children who may not otherwise have a Christmas.

Metro has joined with The Partnership for the Homeless over the last two years to provide gifts



Denija Scurry hugs the teddy bear that she received at the event. / MILES DIXON, METRO

Letters from readers

"I would like it to go to a little girl. I hope she enjoys it. I picked it out myself."

Eric, 8

for their annual holiday party.

The Partnership for the Homeless provides a number of resources to get homeless families into shelters and helps them with housing and job training.

Their holiday party provides meals and toys for more than 450 kids. Toys for Tots is a national organization run by the

U.S. Marines that provides toys to kids all over the five boroughs and throughout the country.

We would like to thank all the readers who reached into their wallets and hearts to help make the holidays sunnier for the city's neediest residents. You are part of the reason that New York City remains the greatest place in the world. **METRO**



Cold hard facts

According to The Partnership for the Homeless, 75 percent of New York City's homeless are families with children.

- More than 22,000 kids in

New York City are homeless.

- The Partnership for the Homeless' annual holiday party provides meals and

toys for more than 450 kids.

- More than 100 volunteers take part to make sure that the event is a success.



The MTA said public transportation is the best way to get around over the next week. / GETTY IMAGES

MTA preps for a busy holiday rush

Transportation.

The changes make it easier for New Yorkers to get around on Christmas and New Year's Day.

Declaring the Metropolitan Transportation Authority the "best way to travel" during the holidays, the MTA issued a subway schedule ahead of Christmas and New Year's.

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Big party

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Square on New Year's Eve.

After the ball drops:

- Trains for lines in Times Square will run every 8 to 12 minutes until 3 a.m. The 42nd Street Shuttle will operate all night.

Investigation

Man dead in Brooklyn shooting

A man was killed in a shooting on Saturday in Crown Heights, police said.

Police found Shamon Cook, 36, lying outside the Kingsborough Houses with a gunshot wound to the torso.

Cook was rushed to Interfaith Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

EMILY JOHNSON

Funny. Mayor finally makes debut on 'SNL'

After 12 years, Mayor Michael Bloomberg made his debut on "Saturday Night Live" on Saturday.

The mayor mocked the soda ban, joked about his awkward Spanish and what's next during a three-minute appearance with host Jimmy Fallon and Seth Meyers for the "Weekend Update" portion of the show.

When asked what was next, the mayor said, "I'll be fulfilling a lifelong



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dream of enjoying a small soda on a non-smoking beach."

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Troubled rollout

Democratic senator says Obamacare 'meltdown' could have hurt party

President Barack Obama's health care law could have a "meltdown" and make it difficult for his Democratic Party to keep control of the Senate next year if ongoing problems with the program are not resolved, a Democratic senator said on Sunday.

Sen. Joe Manchin, of West Virginia, who has urged delaying a penalty for people who do not enroll for health insurance in 2014 under the law, told CNN that a transitional year was needed for the complex health care program, commonly

known as Obamacare, to work.

"It falls of its own weight, if basically the cost becomes more than we can absorb, absolutely," Manchin told CNN's "State of the Union" program.

There have been complaints from consumers about higher premiums than they previously had to pay for health insurance after their old plans were canceled because of new standards under the law, as well as lingering problems with the main web portal used to sign up for insurance, HealthCare.gov.

Manchin said Senate Democrats who are up for re-election next year are "feeling the weight" of the program's woes.

REUTERS

Quoted

"If it's so much more expensive than what we anticipated, and if the coverage is not as good as what we had, you've got a complete meltdown at that time." Manchin

Target payment card data theft highlights lagging US security

Upgrade. Visa has warned that merchants' banks may start bearing the costs of fraud in Oct. 2015.

The massive data breach disclosed by retailer Target Corp. last week is likely to teach its U.S. customers a painful lesson in payment card security and build support for an anti-fraud technology now sitting on the shelf.

For years, U.S. merchants and banks have balked at adopting an established system that uses credit and debit cards that store information on computer chips. The technol-



Target is the third-largest U.S. retailer. / GETTY IMAGES

Stolen

40M

Target said unknown hackers stole data from up to 40 million credit and debit cards used at its stores in the first three weeks of the holiday season.

ogy, ubiquitous in Europe, Canada and elsewhere, makes it harder for thieves to misuse data compared with cards that store data only on magnetic stripes.

The problem is the costs of the new chips and some 10 million payment termi-

nals to process them.

Now, after years in which U.S. companies tolerated fraud as a cost of doing business, high-profile breaches such as the one at Target are raising demand for increased card security.

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Temps in Northeast soar amid volatile weather



New York Jets cheerleaders perform on a warm day during a game against the Cleveland Browns at MetLife Stadium on Sunday in East Rutherford, N.J. / GETTY IMAGES

Weather or not.

N.Y. saw record-high temps; Vermont, N.H. and Maine were pummeled by ice.

A band of severe weather that left at least three people dead in tornadoes and heavy storms in the southeastern United States pushed up the East Coast on Sunday, bringing record-high temperatures to Philadelphia and New York City and ice storms to parts of New England.

The eastern half of the country was getting a "plethora of winter weather" just days before the Christmas holiday, according to the National Weather Service.

"This storm is bringing a little bit of everything, from rain, flooding and

wind to ice and snow in some areas," said NWS meteorologist Bruce Sullivan. "What is really extraordinary about this system, though, is the warm air."

The system is expected to linger over the East Coast until Monday, snarling road and airline travel for millions of people during one of the busiest travel periods of the year. Major airports in Philadelphia and New York City were experiencing delays Sunday because of wind and visibility, according to the Federal Aviation Administration. **REUTERS**

Saturday

65F

The temperature in New York City reached 65 degrees on Saturday, breaking the previous high of 62 degrees recorded in 2011 and 1923.

Sunday

70F

Temperatures in New York City reached 70 degrees on Sunday, breaking the previous high of 63 recorded in 1998.

Flights

500

About 500 flights were canceled Saturday in hub airports in Chicago, Houston and Dallas/Fort Worth, according to aviation tracking site FlightStats.com

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Positive data. IMF says US economic growth forecast looks good

The International Monetary Fund predicts the U.S. economy will expand at a faster pace next year, given positive economic data and some signs of compromise in Congress, the head of the Washington-based lender said on Sunday.

IMF Managing Director

Christine Lagarde also praised the U.S. Federal Reserve's communication of its decision last week to start scaling back its massive monetary stimulus.

"Growth is picking up," Lagarde said on NBC's "Meet the Press." "And unemployment is going down." **REUTERS**

Gun violence

Colo. student, 17, wounded in shooting, dies

Claire Davis, A 17-year-old Colorado student shot in the head earlier this month by a gunman at her high school, died on Saturday at a hospital with her family at her side, the facility and her family said. **REUTERS**

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Iran. World powers pause nuclear talks for Christmastime

Six world powers and Iran have suspended their expert-level talks on implementing a landmark nuclear deal until after Christmas, a spokeswoman for European Union foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton said on Sunday.

Experts from the United States, Russia, China, France, Britain, Germany and Iran met in Geneva between Thursday and Sunday to settle the practical details of the accord, which obliges Tehran to suspend its most sensitive nuclear work.

They need to decide when the Nov. 24 deal goes into effect, meaning when Iran has to fulfill its obligations and Western governments ease some economic sanctions in return.

A key sticking point appears to be how much advance information Western governments will get so they can verify that

Uncertain progress

The spokeswoman for Ashton, who oversees diplomacy with Iran on behalf of the six nations, did not say how much progress, if any, had been made toward resolving the numerous technical aspects of the deal in the four days of talks.

- "There will be a break in technical talks over Christmas," Maja Kocijancic said. "We expect that technical talks will resume before the New Year."

Iran is meeting its end of the deal before they lift any sanctions.

Diplomats have said although the task is complicated, there is real political will on both sides to carry out the agreement.

REUTERS



French President Francois Hollande and Catherine Ashton. / GETTY IMAGES

Crackdown

Egypt jails key figures of 2011 uprising

Three leading figures of Egypt's 2011 uprising were jailed for three years each

on Sunday for their role in recent protests, as the army-backed authorities intensified a crackdown on dissent. Ahmed Maher, Ahmed Douma and Mohamed Adel are symbols of the protest movement

that ignited the revolt that toppled President Hosni Mubarak in 2011. Their sentences include prison labor and fines of 50,000 Egyptian pounds (\$7,200) each.

As the verdict was read, the three chanted

"Down, down with military rule!" from the cage where defendants stand in Egyptian courts. The session, held at a police facility on the outskirts of Cairo, was attended by several European diplomats. REUTERS



Thai protesters demand that prime minister resign

Tens of thousands of anti-government demonstrators massed peacefully across Thailand's capital on Sunday in their latest bid to topple Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra before a February election the main opposition party will boycott. Yingluck called a snap poll for Feb. 2 to try to cool tension, but protesters want to scuttle the election to prevent her from renewing her mandate and perpetuating the influence of her self-exiled brother and former premier, Thaksin Shinawatra. Thailand remains in an all-too-familiar deadlock after eight years of on-off conflict broadly between supporters and opponents of Thaksin, whose populist political machine has won every election since 2001 with widespread support among the rural poor. REUTERS / GETTY IMAGES

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Mall madness

Four arrested
in deadly NJ
carjacking

Four men were arrested and charged with murder in the carjacking and death of a lawyer who was shot in front of his wife after shopping at a New Jersey mall, authorities said this weekend.

Two of the attackers accosted Dustin Friedland, 30, on the evening of Dec. 15 as he and his wife were loading gifts into their 2012 silver Range Rover in the parking lot of the upscale Mall at Short Hills, about 10 miles west of Newark.

After the shooting, the men drove away in the victim's car.

Late on Friday night, police, federal marshals and FBI agents arrested Karif Ford, 31, Basim

By the numbers

\$2M

Superior Court Judge Michael Ravin set bail at \$2 million for each defendant.

Henry, 32, Kevin Roberts, 33, all from Newark, and Hanif Thompson, 29, of Irvington, N.J.

All four men were charged with murder, carjacking, conspiracy and possession of a weapon, among other charges, according to Anthony Ambrose, chief of detectives for the Essex County prosecutor's office.

Three of the suspects were arrested locally, and Henry was apprehended in an Easton, Pa., hotel by a task force of FBI agents and U.S. Marshals.

REUTERS

Quoted

"The sheer senselessness of this crime outraged people from Millburn to Newark." Carolyn Murray, Essex County prosecutor

Ashes to albums
and dust to discs

Rock 'n' roll forever.

A British company is helping people leave a lasting legacy — in vinyl.

The cremated remains of Hunter S. Thompson were launched into the sky in a fireworks display, and edgy British company And Vinyly are helping more people to be more exciting beyond the grave by pressing their ashes into playable vinyl records. Music producer and company founder Jason Leach explains.

Do ash and vinyl go together?

Normally you want to keep dust away from records and it does affect the audio content. There are more pops and crackles, but that is what people



And Vinyly artwork shows the Grim Reaper as a DJ. / PUBLIC DOMAIN

Quoted

"Yes I will. I would have loved to have a recording of my great grandfather talking about himself, to actually hear his voice and have that link to the past. I like the idea of my descendants hearing from me that way."

On whether Leach will end up on a record

Bonus question

What are the most popular songs to merge with?

Often it's musicians that want to have their own music or concepts. One wrote sheet music they had played by cellos and violins that were on fire while they played, and then we pressed them into records too. Other times it's a recording of people speaking, or the sounds from different places.

want and expect. Also, each record only uses a small quantity of ash.

And Vinyly also provides full funeral services. How extravagant do they get?

The idea itself is fairly extravagant, and we intend to expand. The main concept is remains of ashes but record companies are also asking us to press ashes from guitars and other possessions. Anything can become a record. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

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New Year's resolutions for teachers

New Year's resolutions aren't just about losing weight. For the sleep-deprived teachers looking at a new semester, their resolutions could do double duty, making students' achievements go further as well. The following resolutions are culled from "See Me After Class," a guide for first-year teachers everywhere.

Catch up with grading

Set aside specific (and realistic) times to grade papers each week. Then, look for ways to streamline your grading process so that the



Heading into the new year with some concrete goals can make the myriad challenges of the classroom easier to tackle. / CREATAS RF

task fits into the amount of time you can realistically spend on it. If you spend 10 minutes grading each of 150 papers in detail, that means 25 hours of work for each stack of essays — or a guarantee you'll stay behind.

lessons for each class is a recipe for failure. To start simple, make a packet of materials to challenge higher-level students while you offer help to those who are struggling.

Stay positive

Remember that productive conversations are comforting. If a conversation in your private life makes those Sunday-night stomach cramps worse, don't be afraid to remember out loud that

Differentiate instruction for students at different levels

Trying to plan multiple

To-do. As teachers gear up for a new semester, simple resolutions can help.

Settle down

Make goals to help manage your classroom

Common classroom management wisdom is often easier said than done. Over break, identify some of the loopholes that have developed in your best classroom management technique, and set some new intentions for the coming year. The good news is that since students are usually especially rowdy right before winter break, you're likely to see a bit of improvement in January.

you have papers to grade and make a hasty exit.

Keep your temper (or sleep more)

You might be better off changing this into a resolution to get enough sleep. Student behavior that is merely irritating when you're well-rested feels major if you stayed up until 3 a.m. cutting paper pepperoni slices for tomorrow's fraction pizza lesson.

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Bipartisan benefit

Undocumented students in New Jersey will pay in-state tuition

Students who are undocumented immigrants will be allowed to pay lower, in-state tuition at New Jersey public universities and colleges, Governor Chris Christie said last week.

"These young men and women of our state, who we have invested hundreds of thousands of dollars in, in their K-12 education, we're now going to give them an opportunity in an affordable way to continue their education," Christie said in Trenton.



A college diploma may be within financial reach for undocumented students in New Jersey. / WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

The move comes after lengthy political wrangling between the Republican governor, who is expected to make a run for the White House in 2016, and Democrats in the state legislature.

"This will be once again an example of New Jersey showing how you can come to bipartisan agreement," Christie said. "Not that we agree on

everything, but we find a way of bringing people together and come to a position that will benefit the people of this state."

He said he would sign the tuition bill, which applies to students who have attended at least three years of high school in New Jersey. They will not be eligible for certain financial aid, as some had hoped. **REUTERS**

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Today, Rob Delaney believes in world peace, Brittany Snow sympathizes with cats, Rebel Wilson got "Pretty Woman"-ed and Kerry Washington wants everyone to be nice.

@robdelaney: Just saw a Hasidic man & 2 Asian girls laugh at a dog knocking over a garbage can so don't even act like peace isn't possible guys.

@BrittanySnow: I bet cats really hate the fact that they can't hashtag #yolo

@RebelWilson: All this reminds me of when I got kicked out of an 'Open House' Pretty Woman style last weekend coz the broker thought I couldn't afford it

@kerrywashington: Kind people are THE BEST



Cyrus on Cyrus action

You guys have all seen this clip that's going around from Miley's new music video for her song "Adore You," right?

If you haven't, because, I guess, you don't have a Google alert set up for "Miley Cyrus" like I do, here's the relevant info: The teaser, which Cyrus posted to her Instagram over the weekend, features grainy, sex-tape-esque footage of Cyrus, er, pleasuring herself.

I guess we now have the answer to the age-old question "Where does one in eternal pursuit of shock value and press go, after dry-humping a foam finger while practically naked onstage?"

One goes to jollying oneself on camera.

But, OK, here's the thing: Anyone who has read my column in this publication knows that I'm a hard-core Cyrus apologist. I think she's

awesome and, despite her annoying penchant for tongue-wagging, she's super talented! ("We Can't Stop" was the undisputed No. 1 jam of the year — and maybe my life.) So, what I'm going to say next shouldn't come as a huge surprise. I don't hate this.

Miley Cyrus is a next-level entertainer, and whoever is handling her PR right now deserves a big, fat holiday bonus. MyCy (I'm still totally going with this, and don't understand why nobody else has picked this up) was the most-Googled person of the year, which is pretty damn impressive, considering where she started.

Also, I'm sure there's an opportunity for a think piece on female empowerment and sexual freedom here. I'm not going to write it, I'm just saying there's a window.

Mrs. Carter's Wal-Mart tour

ICYMI (how could you have? THIS IS BEYONCE

WE'RE TALKING ABOUT), the Queen Bey visited a Tewksbury(!) Wal-Mart before her Boston concert on Friday and spread some holiday cheer to the tune of \$37,500.

The singer, who might be the only human alive (other than Yeezus, of course) rivaling Miley Cyrus in the headline-making department, did a mic check on the Wal-Mart PA system and announced that she would pay the first \$50 of every customer's purchase.

This, of course, is super nice. But also, what? What compelled Beyonce (other than a top-notch PR manager who, I'm sure, gently suggested this might not be a terrible stunt to pull) to casually drop by a Wal-Mart in nowhere-ville and pay for some last-minute holiday shoppers' layaway crap? I'm not saying it was a bad stunt, I'm just saying it's a random one.

Anyway, this is all to say that Beyonce's image as one of the most likable (and that's saying a lot, because it's pretty easy to hate someone so fabulous) ladies in the biz isn't in any danger.

Also, for the record, I bet Target is feeling pretty dumb about that whole "not selling her new album" thing right now. Just saying.



THE WORD

Alexandra Cavallo takes on the world of gossip.

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Oh, for duck's sake



Aw, here's a heartwarming story just in time for the holidays. Thanks to Hunt Channel — a Christian television network that markets almost exclusively in reality shows about Bible-lovin', gun-totin' folks who kill defenseless creatures for sport — "Duck Dynasty" will not go homeless if A&E decides to drop it on its redneck butt.

A lot of people are calling for the network to pull the plug after patriarch/head douche Phil Robertson's recent bout of homophobic word diarrhea.

Robertson's brood of people who also like to make duckies go bye-bye with the boom boom stick say that they don't want to do the show without him.

Hunt Channel owner Merrill Sport, however, thinks that A&E should "put on their big-boy pants" and support Robertson for being the unapologetic bigot he is. Further, he's more than happy to put on his own pair of big-kid trousers and air the show himself. Because, he says, "We don't censor our personalities."

Meaning, I guess, he lets his people spit as much hateful bile as they want. First Amendment and whatnot. Give them liberty or give them death! (First, maybe, give them some teeth and a worldview that isn't rooted in ancient mythology/idiocy.)



Leader of the wolf pack

Interview.

Leonardo DiCaprio learned how to play a greedy 'ludes nut from the best.

As far back as he can remember, Leonardo DiCaprio always wanted to be a Martin Scorsese actor. "I remember my father taking me to see one of his movies," he recalls. "He said, 'If you have the opportunity, there's one person you should work

with.'" It was the director of "Mean Streets," "Goodfellas" and "Raging Bull." After DiCaprio became the biggest actor in the world, it wasn't long before he was headlining Scorsese's "Gangs of New York."

Their fifth film together — after "The Departed" and "Shutter Island" — was DiCaprio's idea. He read "The Wolf of Wall Street," a tell-all memoir by unfathomably hedonistic broker Jordan Belfort, which he felt would fit Scorsese's sensibilities, in addition to being topical commentary.

"I thought [his book]

was a reflection of everything that was wrong with today's society," he says, chuckling. "Jordan gave into every carnal indulgence possible." The film, written by "Boardwalk Empire" scribe Terence Winter, chronicles the many exploits of Belfort, who rises from a nobody selling penny stocks by the thousands to dominating the Financial District.

"He represents something within our very nature, something that is very wrong. You can link those attributes to everything going on in our world today," DiCaprio says. But he adds, Belfort isn't the problem. "I quickly realized these weren't the fat cats that were destroying our economy. They were the street urchins. They were part of the underworld trying to create a little island and emulating Gordon Gekko," he explains, referencing Michael Douglas' slick-haired "Wall Street"

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villain (and, to some, idol). "They were trying to be the guys that were robbing our country of billions and billions of dollars."

DiCaprio spent time with Belfort, whom he describes as reformed. "He looks at this [period] as an isolated period in his life. He's been paying the price ever since, trying to pay his debt to everyone he ripped off."

Belfort even told him how to play high on 'ludes, for a lengthy sequence where he takes the drug and finds his body won't work. "[Belfort] told me what Quaaludes were like," he recalls. "I had him rolling around on the floor for me." He also says he watched, on a loop, a YouTube clip called "The World's Drunkest Man," in which someone tries to get a beer but physically can't.



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A good fella

DiCaprio's director

DiCaprio is predictably gushy about working again with Scorsese. He relays a mantra the filmmaker gave him: "As long

as you portray these people for what they are, and you don't try to sugarcoat them or apologize for their actions or depict them in any way apart from what they are, audiences will go along with you."

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'The Wolf of Wall Street'

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Stars: Leonardo DiCaprio, Jonah Hill

Rating: R

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Leonardo DiCaprio struggles with Jonah Hill in Martin Scorsese's broker romp "The Wolf of Wall Street." / PARAMOUNT PICTURES

Really bad fellas

Scorsese movie.

A great director reunites with his frequent star to relish in some very naughty behavior.

Most freewheeling rise-and-fall sagas assume that part of you, maybe even a big part, wants to partake in what's on-screen. Few of you may actually want to be a homicidal, untrustworthy gangster, but for the two and a half hours it takes to watch Martin Scorsese's "Goodfellas," you can entertain that fantasy. The big joke in Scorsese's "The Wolf of Wall Street" is that being a relentlessly hedonistic, pill-popping, hooker-banging, greedy capitalist is considerably less appealing than being a murderer. Its three hours exist to test

how much we'll enjoy being in the shoes of sinful characters.

Introduced throwing a dwarf around the office just because they can, our anti-heroes are little more than a bunch of frat-boy douche bags. Leonardo DiCaprio's Jordan Belfort is their fearless leader, and with bestie Donnie (Jonah Hill, with false teeth), they work their way up from peddling penny stocks to schnooks to scoring ridiculously tony manses, all without actually selling anything one can physically see.

"The Wolf of Wall Street" lacks "Goodfellas" in shape, attractive characters, their wit and — with one glorious exception, involving super-Quaaludes, a Lamborghini and a roll of bologna — instant classic set pieces. That's by design. It's a dirge, meant to trap us in a boys club purgatory. The real-life Belfort has

been struggling to atone for his sins, but the one here is remorseless, smirking and giddy as he pursues every carnal, hard-R-rated desire.

The single-mindedness is its strength and weakness. It's intended to be monotonous — although, in Scorsese's propulsive hands, it rarely is. It's chock-filled with quotables, some pouring out of DiCaprio's bragging narration track, many from Jonah Hill. The inclusion of an Apatow alum allows for lots of apparent ad-libbing, which partly explains the elephantine length. In a way, this is Scorsese's keyed-up version of an Apatow long-player, only with shots and technique that not only function but delight.



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Needs an imagination

Dramedy. A James Thurber classic gets another adaptation it doesn't deserve.

There are few things less empowering than James Thurber's "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty," a succinct short story that contrasts one wallflower's fertile daydreams against his miserable, dead-end reality. But the movies have been attracted to it anyway, even if it means utterly betraying Thurber's message. Already a 1947 Danny Kaye musical, "Mitty" now becomes a Ben Stiller dramedy.

Both movie versions turn on Mitty growing a pair. Stiller's version simply caves in quicker than Kaye's. This Mitty is an OkCupid addict who works at Life magazine. He also likes a woman at his office (Kristen Wiig). But soon his outsized fantasies stop and he's traipsing about the globe and fighting sharks.



Ben Stiller talks to the girl he likes (Kristen Wiig) in "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty." / WILSON WEBB

Review

'The Secret Life of Walter Mitty'

Director: Ben Stiller

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Manhattan nonprofits rush to sell as values skyrocket

Real estate.

Churches, schools and cultural institutions feel pressure to sell their properties before the market turns.

With Manhattan prices on the rise, a slew of major religious, cultural and government institutions — some of which are cash-strapped — are looking to off-load properties in the five boroughs.

While the trend is not new, the pace and urgency of sales has increased significantly lately, as prices for luxury housing in Manhattan have skyrocketed.

Indeed, much of the churn is being driven by the high demand for residential condominiums, said Michael Weiser, of Manhattan-based commercial brokerage GFI Realty Services, who has worked with nonprofit and other institutions selling New York City buildings.

"Organizations don't need to be on whatever corner they've been on for the last 20 years to fulfill their mission," he said. "They can turn [cash from a sale] into millions in their endowment."

That is particularly true for nonprofits with swanky addresses, especially on Fifth or Park avenues. And those organizations are snapping up cheaper condominiums downtown, said Peter Hausburg, CEO of investment sales brokerage Eastern Consolidated.

The high ceilings and ornate interiors in these buildings make them attractive for adaptive reuse, Weiser said.

This month, The Real Deal looked at which nonprofits are turning their property into cold, hard cash.

Jehovah's Witnesses

The Jehovah's Witnesses have been making headlines for selling chunks of their sizable Brooklyn holdings in preparation for

Not as easy to unload

US Postal Service

Like travel agents or local newspapers, the U.S. Postal Service has seen its business contract dramatically in recent years.

But the federal agency sits on some very lucrative New York City real estate, and in the past few years it's begun selling some of it off. In 2011, the USPS sold its 1 Peck Slip postal facility, a 70,800-square-foot Financial District

outpost, for \$13.5 million to the city, which will convert the building into a school.

Then, in July, the USPS announced it would sell the historic 175,000-square-foot Bronx General Post Office at 558 Grand Concourse. Area residents have, however, protested, arguing that because the structure was built with taxpayer dollars, it should not be sold to a private party without taxpayers' consent.

a move upstate.

The organization, which has been headquartered in Brooklyn Heights since 1909, owned 42 Brooklyn buildings before it began selling them off in 2004. And according to city records, it's sold \$425 million worth of property since then — not including around \$100 million of properties in contract, according to reports.

This past July, a partnership led by Jared Kushner's Kushner Companies and Aby Rosen's RFR Holdings announced that it was buying six DUMBO buildings from the Witnesses for \$375 million. The deal is set to be Brooklyn's largest this year.

Yeshiva University

Universities have seen endowments dwindle since the recession, and some have started trading buildings in upscale locations for facilities outside of prime Manhattan.

Yeshiva University, a modern orthodox Jewish institution, is a case in point. It began selling late last year, when an undisclosed developer bought 237-241 E. 34th St., a lecture hall, for \$15.5 million. This past February, the school unloaded two more buildings, both office buildings in Midtown, for a combined \$115 million.

Yeshiva's properties are worth about \$602 million, according to public tax

filings. The filings also show a gift of \$175 million in commercial real estate bequeathed to the school in 2011 by an unnamed benefactor, and note that the school is looking to sell the properties as soon as possible.

Episcopal Church

The Episcopal Church might be the longest-tenured landlord in the city. It received much of its property from the queen of England centuries ago.

The church owns about 14 acres of land in the Financial District, Hudson Square and SoHo, which it revealed in court papers earlier this year is worth an estimated \$2 billion. Last month, publishers Pearson and Penguin Books moved into newly revamped spaces at 330 Hudson St., which Trinity Real Estate, the property arm of the church, leased in 2011 for 99 years to Beacon Capital Partners. That deal complements the church's other main moneymaker: land and air rights it's sold or leased long-term to developers like the Brodsky Organization for residential development. **GUELDA VOIEN**

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WHEN IT'S MORE THAN JUST A DRINK WITH DINNER

My boyfriend drinks way too much around the holidays. Sometimes he blacks out. He comes from a family of heavy drinkers and often gets drunk with his friends on the weekends throughout the year. How do I know if he's an alcoholic, and what can I do?

After graduating with a master's degree, I spent the first three years of my social work career performing intake evaluations at an outpatient addictions counseling center in Maryland. My job was to screen adults who had been referred from the courts — for drunken driving or other substance-related offenses — to determine whether they needed extensive alcohol and drug treatment, the 11-week substance education course or both.

Unless they're in recovery, alcoholics typically deny having a drinking problem. Even though we administered urine tests and sprang breathalyzers on people who reeked of booze, that wouldn't deter craftier folk from scheming to evade detection. But the test that usually gave them away didn't require any lab work or electronics. It was a four-part questionnaire, commonly referred to as the CAGE.

While alcoholics are usually the last to admit they drink too much, loved ones are usually the first. That's why being annoyed by someone about your drinking, combined with trying to cut back and/or feeling guilty, is often an indicator of problematic drinking, which could be either a sign of abuse or dependence. What's the difference? According to the Diagnostic Statistical Manual of Mental Health, people who abuse alcohol develop problems — blacking out, getting into fights, driving drunk — as a result of their impaired judgment from alcohol consumption, even though they are not physiologically dependent. They may engage



Look familiar? Use the CAGE acronym to figure out if you or a loved one might have a drinking problem. / IMAGESOURCE

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What is CAGE?

CAGE is an acronym used to recall the telltale signs of alcoholism:

- 1 C – Cutting down:** Have you ever felt you should cut down on your drinking?
- 2 A – Annoyed:** Have people annoyed you by criticizing your drinking?
- 3 G – Guilty:** Have you felt bad or guilty about your drinking?
- 4 E – Eye-opener:** Have you ever had a drink first thing in the morning to steady your nerves or get rid of a hangover (eye-opener)?

One “yes” to any of the questions, other than question #4, is considered a sign of alcohol abuse. Two or more “yeses,” or a “yes” to question No. 4, is considered a sign of alcohol dependence.

Why is No. 4 enough to diagnose alcoholism? Alcoholics have developed a physiological dependence. Not only is there a constant craving and high tolerance, but they also experience withdrawal symptoms when they unsuccessfully try to cut back or stop. If you need to drink to function, you obviously have a problem.

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in binge drinking, which causes or exacerbates an ongoing relationship, work, financial or legal problem.

Chances of someone becoming physically dependent are greater if a family member was or is an alcoholic. That doesn't mean that those who have alcoholism in their families will become alcoholics. But the earlier the problem is addressed,

the better.

The best thing to do is to be honest with your boyfriend about it. Try the CAGE questionnaire. If he continues to binge, and it affects your relationship, you can encourage him to seek help — but don't try to control his drinking. Instead, attend an Al-Anon meeting to learn about alcoholism and get support in making the best decisions for yourself.

This week in health news



To the 60 percent who haven't gotten a flu shot: What's stopping you? / MONKEYBUSINESS

CDC says flu vaccination works, but not all Americans are buying into it

Location of study: U.S.
Study subjects: Data study
Results: Forty percent of Americans over the age of six months have gotten a flu shot this season, according to the CDC. The CDC also stated that the flu vaccination program prevented an estimated 6.6 million influenza-associated sicknesses during the 2012-2013 flu season.
Significance: The CDC estimates that there were 31.8 million influenza-associated illnesses last season and 381,000 hospitalizations in the United States. “Most of estimated hospitalizations last season were in people 65 and older, [showing] how hard a severe [flu] season can hit this vulnerable group,” says CDC Director Tom Frieden, M.D., M.P.H.

Probe opens new path for drug development against chlamydia

Location of study: US
Study subjects: Laboratory study
Results: A major breakthrough in the treatment of the most common STD, chlamydia, looks imminent, according to a new study published in Nature magazine. Researchers at IU Bloomington College of Arts and Sciences discovered a mega molecule in bacterial cell walls, used as a target for antibiotic, not previously identified in the STD. When new dipeptide probes were applied to cells infected with chlamydia trachomatis, the antibiotic worked immediately.
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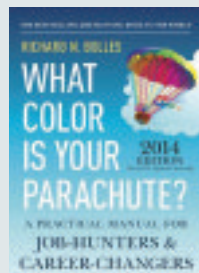
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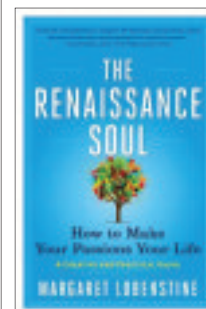
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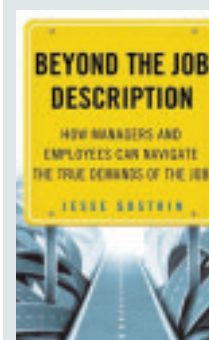
'The Renaissance Soul'

"A man can do all things if he will," said Leon Battista Alberti in the 15th century, creating what ultimately became the term "renaissance man." In her book, Margaret Lobenstine embraces this statement and helps people who may feel like their varied interests don't fit in a time when one career path and one passion is the accepted norm. Lobenstine gives advice for readers to avoid the paralyzed feeling of choosing between many paths, link passion to a source of income and combine interests so that you don't have to start over every time a new passion appears.



'What the Most Successful People Do Before Breakfast'

Do you stop and ask yourself "Where did the time go?" Perhaps the answers are in Laura Vanderkam's three-part guide to time management. She takes you through what successful people do before breakfast, on the weekends and dispenses practical tips on how to make the most of your time. Maybe your New Year's resolution should be to do a one-week time log, analyze it and rethink your habits with the help from Vanderkam. Chances are, you'll have more quality time with your family and achieve more at work.

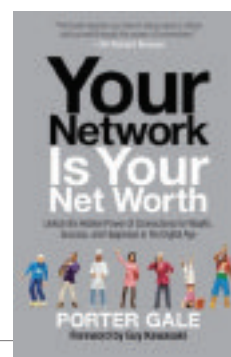


'Beyond the Job Description'

This book is kind of like a couples therapist for managers and employees. Through chapters such as "Seeing Your Job-Within-a-Job" and "A Guide to Team Navigation" author Jesse Sosttrin gives advice to help avoid frustration and friction between employees and managers. The book will help employees step up to the individual contributions expected of them so they can rise to the hidden challenges their managers were foreseeing for them, serving better the needs of the team. It's time to find a mutual agenda!

'Your Network Is Your Net Worth'

Wouldn't it be nice if your worth was about happiness and job satisfaction and not just about dollars and cents? In "Your Network Is Your Net Worth," Porter Gale, a speaker, entrepreneur and marketing executive, claims that this



is actually the case. Gale says social capital is about finding and sticking to the people with whom you share passions and purpose — not just power lunches or office gossip. Those people can be your core circle or a broader group via social media, for example. But to do that you will need to define your values for yourself and nurture your confidence in them.

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♑ **Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20.** Be strategic and maintain a paper trail. Once you know what direction you're heading in, you'll be able to enjoy time with the people you love.

♒ **Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18.** Your cheerfulness and optimism will be infectious. Have fun. Participation will result in new opportunities and friendships. Love and romance are highlighted.

♓ **Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20.** Review your personal papers and professional strategies. Make certain that everything is in order.

♈ **Aries | March 21-April 20.** Boost your confidence with a personal change. You are likely to meet a like-minded soul. Romance is apparent.

♉ **Taurus | April 21-May 21.** Meeting up with friends or making last-minute purchases will add cheer to your day. Attending an event and sharing your ideas will be informative.

♊ **Gemini | May 22-June 20.** Evaluate your life and partnerships. If you cannot come to terms with what's happening, mistakes will occur.

♋ **Cancer | June 21-July 22.** Be social and creative, and organize a surprise for someone you love. Don't be pressured into making an indulgent purchase.

♌ **Leo | July 23-Aug. 22.** You should quickly attend to your responsibilities. Enjoying festivities or working alongside a close companion will enhance your relationships.

♍ **Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Be open and honest about your plans. Networking will help you. Don't allow personal concerns to stand in the way of progress.

♎ **Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22.** Stubbornness will lead to personal difficulties. A new development is likely to change your lifestyle.

♏ **Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21.** Spend time with loved ones. Adapting to changes will lead to good fortune. A new partnership will give you something to look forward to.

♐ **Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21.** Decorate and open your house. Offering honest advice will encourage a deeper bond with important people.

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Letters: Best of 2013

You wrote it, we printed it: Metro takes a look at some of the most memorable letters to the editor of 2013. Some were thought-provoking, some eloquent, some witty — and some were just begging for a response. Here are excerpts from our favorites:

else, it showed that we're all racist in a one way or another, whether we watch FOX or MSNBC.
WALT PETERS, VIA EMAIL, JULY 24

Metro did well with gun series

Re: 'Guns in our cities' investigative series (Metro, week of Sept. 23) I wish to thank you for your article and coverage on guns in the city. I was very pleasantly surprised to see this in your paper, as you wouldn't see this in the Daily News or the New York Times. But you have reported this unbiased and fairly. That's a plus in today's media coverage. I am very traditional and conservative, also a native New Yorker, so I've seen what has become of the city over the years.

KEVIN MORIARTY, OZONE PARK, N.Y., OCT. 15

Let trial unite, not divide us

Re: 'Long live morality in the US!' (Metro, July 23)

Letter writer Kevin Metz's statement that "there is nothing wrong with defending yourself" is correct. Unfortunately, the positions of both liberals and conservatives were rigidly locked in place. I don't think Mr. Zimmerman set out that day to kill a young man. But I also think that he was caught up in the attitudes and fears underlying the "stand your ground" law. But, those six women had no choice but to acquit him. The prosecutor simply did not make a case. If the trial and its fallout showed nothing

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Keep them as brief as possible, preferably under 100 words. Metro reserves the right to edit all letters. Please include your name and contact info.

Sudoku: Easy and hard

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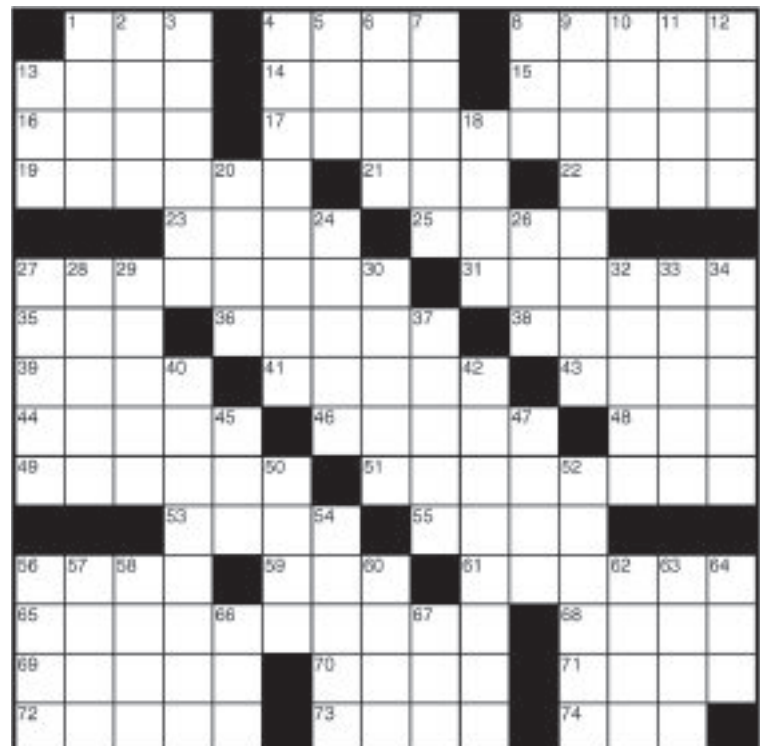
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- 17 "Here we come a— . . ."
- 19 Separate
- 21 Rams and bulls
- 22 Forest browsers
- 23 Roulette color
- 25 Jazzy refrain
- 27 Mexicali snacks
- 31 Served alight
- 35 Si, to Maurice
- 36 Resulted in (2 wds.)
- 38 Coral reef locale
- 39 Poker stake
- 41 Fergie's first name
- 43 Sea eagle
- 44 Racing shell
- 46 Tricks
- 48 Edible tuber
- 49 Conical tents
- 51 Intellectually
- 53 November word
- 55 Defraud
- 56 — gin fizz
- 59 Foul-ball caller
- 61 Genetic mix
- 65 Tree in a carol

Down

- 68 Bait
- 69 Archie Bunker's wife
- 70 Movie lioness
- 71 Plenty, to poets
- 72 Ancient stories
- 73 Gorilla researcher — Fossey
- 74 Stimp's pal
- 1 Mr. Gyllenhaal
- 2 Put out heat
- 3 Leaseholder
- 4 Raw leather
- 5 "Caught ya!"
- 6 "Oh, nonsense!"
- 7 Tough question
- 8 Left Bank pal
- 9 Heavy type
- 10 Jumble
- 11 Copenhagen native
- 12 Joule fractions
- 13 Pet rock or mood ring
- 18 "Yeah, right!" (2 wds.)
- 20 Ember
- 24 Speeder's fear
- 26 "Alice" waitress
- 27 Clink glasses
- 28 Pound fraction
- 29 Abs tightener (hyph.)
- 30 Play guitar
- 32 Ms. Streep
- 33 Trite

- 34 Us, to Pogo
- 37 Camel halts
- 40 — hour (last minute)
- 42 Ruthless subordinate
- 45 Zodiac sign
- 47 Command to Rover
- 50 Blow away
- 52 Suspense novelist Eric —
- 54 Fix firmly
- 56 Cherry leftover
- 57 Godiva's title
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Players: Ryan never mentioned job status

NFL. Fox reported before the game on Sunday Rex Ryan told his players he was being fired.

It wasn't about their head coach, say the players in the locker room who heard — and felt — their head coach's words Saturday night.

Fox Sports reporter Jay Glazer reported prior to the Jets' 24-13 win over the Browns on Sunday that head coach Rex Ryan told his team on Saturday night that the "word on the street" is he was going to be fired.

Perhaps it was a shrewd word choice, but it has led to rampant speculation Ryan is on his way out after five seasons with the Jets.



Rex Ryan is still popular with his team and many fans, even if he's on the hot seat with management. / GETTY IMAGES

By the numbers

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The win on Sunday secured an over-.500 career record for Rex Ryan with the Jets. He stood at 40-38 coming into the game.

But the Jets players in that meeting Saturday say there was nothing of the sort.

"It wasn't that way. [That's] farthest from the truth," one player told Metro anonymously. "It wasn't like that, not at all. He didn't make it about

him. And I didn't hear him say once that there was a 'word on the street' about him going. Not at all."

Ryan showed a UFC fight Saturday night involving Matt Hughes, who battled back from a choke hold and beat his opponent. Right tackle Austin Howard said the message from Ryan was "we're not down and out."

"Overall what he said is that the only guarantee we had was today and next week's game in Miami. We're not going to wave the towel," Howard said. "We're going to fight for the guy next to us, we're going to fight for the name on our chest, fight for the name on our back and fight for this organization."

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Rookie relieved

Milliner strong in matchup with Gordon

Head coach Rex Ryan told Dee Milliner last Monday he would be going up against Browns wide receiver Josh Gordon, who came into the game leading the league in receiving yards. The rookie first-round pick rose to the challenge.

Gordon still had six catches for 97 yards, but those numbers were down from the 114 yards per game he averaged coming into Week 16.

"Coaches came to me and told me I was going to be on him so when he told me, I was going to do whatever he told me," Milliner said. "I watched a lot of film, [and] worked hard in practice. Got the same thing from the scout team I saw today."

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Jerrold Jernigan scored his first career touchdown filling in for the injured Victor Cruz. / GETTY IMAGES

Giants play spoiler, beat Lions in OT

NFL. Detroit was eliminated from playoff contention with a late pick-six and winning field goal in overtime.

The Giants entered Ford Field and were the ones to show the heart of a lion as they knocked off Detroit with a gritty 23-20 comeback win in overtime.

The loss not only helped the Giants (6-9) end their two-game skid, but also eliminated the Lions (7-8) from playoff contention, as it was the sixth time that Detroit blew a fourth-quarter lead this season — including in back-to-back weeks.

New York was led by quarterback Eli Manning's efficient game (23-of-42 for 256 yards, one touchdown and an interception) as, save for a safety, he saw minimal pressure in the pocket from a Lions' defensive front that should've manhandled the wounded Giants' offensive line. Manning was only sacked twice, as the Lions' pass rush was stymied by

the Giants' patchwork unit.

Manning's counterpart, Matthew Stafford, wasn't as efficient as he managed to oversee an offense that blew the late lead. Stafford (25-of-42 for 222 yards, no scores and two picks) was clearly lamenting the fact his top target, All-Pro wide-out Calvin Johnson, was gimpy with a bad knee.

New York erased a seven-point Lions lead in the fourth quarter to force overtime when safety Will Hill returned a Stafford offering 38 yards for the pick-six to tie the score late. The touchdown gave Big Blue 17 points off turnovers for the game.

Offensively, the Giants didn't get much in the second half, but Manning did have an efficient passing day.

He was big time in the overtime session as he led Big Blue down the field on their second drive for Josh Brown's game-winning 45-yard field. Manning's clutch fourth-down conversion extended the drive to allow the walk-off win.

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Early returns

Felton to test injury, hopes to play tonight

The Knicks' hurting point guard situation could improve as soon as tonight.

Felton hasn't played since Dec. 11 with a strained hamstring, but he will take part fully in today's morning

shootaround and plans to start against the Magic (7 p.m., MSG) if he comes through it without difficulty.

"I don't want to keep aggravating this hamstring, and if you keep aggravating something possibly it could tear, and I definitely don't want that," Felton said at practice Sunday.

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No returns

King confirms Lopez out for season

One day after saying the Nets would wait until next week to judge Brook Lopez's foot injury, GM Billy King confirmed the Nets center will be out for the rest of the season. **METRO**



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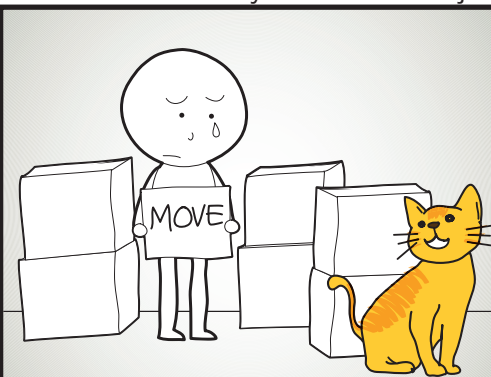
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